THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The issue is under consideration of the Government.

Additional allocation of power from Central pool to A.P.

156. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh have requested the Central Government for supply of more electricity from Central pool;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of electricity demanded in megawatts by the State Government; and

(c) the action Government have taken or propose to take on the request of State Government of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No request from Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the recent past for supply of more electricity from Central pool. However, a request for restoration of allocation from the unallocated power of Central Generating Satiations of Southern Region from 28% to 40% was received from Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in July, 2002.

(c) Restoration of allocation was not found feasible due to following reasons:—

(i) Poor monsoon resulted in high shortage conditions in Karnataka and Kerala which are predominately dependent upon hydel generation.

(ii) A.P. was under drawing from Central Sector Station in Southern Region since May, 2002.

(iii) APTRANSCO surrendered its unallocated share in Kaiga Atomic Power Station.

(iv) A.P. stopped drawing power from GRIDCO (Orissa) on 220 KV Upper Sileru-Balimela line w.e.f. 16.04.2002.